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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

**Brian M. Adams *et al.***

Application No. 09/375,164 ✓

Filed: August 16, 1999

For: **SPILL-REDUCTION CAP FOR  
FLUID CONTAINER**

Art Unit: 3727

Examiner: **Stephen K. Cronin**

Docket No.: **RI-61182/RBC/VEJ**

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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.173**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Supplemental to the Amendment and Reply filed April 27, 2001, responsive to the Office Action of November 27, 2000, and pursuant to the telephone conversation between Examiner Stephen K. Cronin and Victor E. Johnson on June 20, 2001, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks.

***Amendments***

***In the Claims:***

Please amend Claim 26 as follows.

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26. (Twice Amended) In combination, a hollow, apertured probe having a blunt tip, a cap, a container having a neck having external means for detachably engaging said cap.